

House Study Bill 257

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A BILL FOR

1 An Act requiring a valid driver's license for issuance or renewal
2 of a motor vehicle registration.
3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:
4 TLSB 3021HC 80
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1 1 Section 1. Section 321.20, subsection 1, Code 2003, is
1 2 amended to read as follows:
1 3 1. The full legal name; social security number or, if the
1 4 owner does not have a social security number but has a
1 5 passport, the passport number; valid driver's license number,
1 6 whether the license was issued by this state, another state,
1 7 another country, or is an international driver's license; date
1 8 of birth; bona fide residence; and mailing address of the
1 9 owner and of the lessee if the vehicle is being leased. If
1 10 the owner or lessee is a firm, association, or corporation,
1 11 the application shall contain the business address and federal
1 12 employer identification number of the owner or lessee. Up to
1 13 three owners' names may be listed on the application.
1 14 Information relating to the lessee of a vehicle shall not be
1 15 required on an application for registration and a certificate
1 16 of title for a vehicle with a gross vehicle weight rating of
1 17 ten thousand pounds or more.

1 18 Sec. 2. Section 321.40, Code 2003, is amended by adding
1 19 the following new unnumbered paragraph:
1 20 NEW UNNUMBERED PARAGRAPH. The county treasurer shall
1 21 refuse to renew the registration of a vehicle registered to a
1 22 person when notified by the department that the person's
1 23 driver's license has expired or has been suspended, revoked,
1 24 or canceled. The department shall notify the county treasurer
1 25 when the person's driver's license is renewed or reinstated.
1 26 Upon application by the person to the county treasurer,
1 27 including proof of a valid driver's license and payment of the
1 28 proper fees for the unexpired portion of the registration
1 29 period, the county treasurer shall renew the person's vehicle
1 30 registration for the remainder of the registration period
1 31 without penalty.

1 32 Sec. 3. IMPLEMENTATION OF ACT. Section 25B.2, subsection
1 33 3, shall not apply to this Act.

EXPLANATION

1 35 This bill requires that an applicant for registration of a
2 1 motor vehicle or for renewal of a motor vehicle registration
2 2 have a valid driver's license. The bill amends Code section
2 3 321.20 to specify that the driver's license number currently
2 4 required on applications for a motor vehicle registration and
2 5 certificate of title must be for a valid driver's license.
2 6 Current law provides that providing false information on such
2 7 an application is grounds for refusal of registration and
2 8 issuance of a certificate of title.

2 9 The bill adds a provision to Code section 321.40 requiring
2 10 the state department of transportation to notify county
2 11 treasurers of drivers whose licenses are expired or suspended,
2 12 revoked, or canceled, and again when those licenses are
2 13 renewed or reinstated. A county treasurer shall refuse to
2 14 renew a motor vehicle registration for a person whose driver's
2 15 license is expired or suspended, revoked, or canceled. When
2 16 the driver's license of such a person is renewed or
2 17 reinstated, the person may apply to the county treasurer with
2 18 proof of a valid driver's license, and the treasurer shall
2 19 renew the person's motor vehicle registration upon payment of
2 20 the proper fees for the remainder of the registration period,
2 21 without penalty.

2 22 The bill may include a state mandate as defined in Code

2 23 section 25B.3. The bill makes inapplicable Code section
2 24 25B.2, subsection 3, which would relieve a political
2 25 subdivision from complying with a state mandate if funding for
2 26 the cost of the state mandate is not provided or specified.
2 27 Therefore, political subdivisions are required to comply with
2 28 any state mandate included in the bill.
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